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Joint Resolution

To designate the period commencing on November 20, 1989, and ending on Novem- Nov. 21, 1989
ber 26, 1989, as "National Adoption Week". [H. J. Res. 278]

Whereas Thanksgiving week has been commemorated as "National
Adoption Week" for the past 11 years:
Whereas we in Congress recognize the essential value of belonging
to a secure, loving permanent family as every child's basic right:
Whereas approximately fifty thousand children who have special
needs—school age, in sibling groups, members of minorities, or
children with physical, mental, and emotional handicaps—are
now in foster care or institutions financed at public expense and
are legally free for adoption:
Whereas the adoption by capable parents of these institutionalized
or foster care children into permanent, adoptive homes would
ensure the opportunity for their continued happiness and long-
range well-being;
Whereas public and private barriers inhibiting the placement of
these special needs children must be reviewed and removed where
possible to assure these children's adoption;
Whereas the public and prospective parents must be informed of the
availability of adoptive children:
Whereas a variety of media, agencies, adoptive parent and advocacy
groups, civic and church groups, businesses, and industries will
feature publicity and information to heighten community aware-
ness of the crucial needs of waiting children; and
Whereas the recognition of Thanksgiving week as "National Adop-
tion Week" is in the best interest of adoptable children and the
public in general: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the period commenc-
ing on November 20, 1989, and ending on November 26, 1989, is
designated as "National Adoption Week", and the President of the
United States is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation